

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**  
**NASHVILLE TENNESSEE**

**March 9, 2005**

**IN RE:**

**APPLICATION OF ALTERNATIVE TELECOMMUNICATION  
SERVICES, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE  
OPERATOR SERVICES AND/OR RESELL  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES IN TENNESSEE  
PURSUANT TO RULE 1220-4-2-.57**

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) **DOCKET NO.**  
) **00-00473**  
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) **Company ID:**  
) **128588**

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**ORDER REVOKING AUTHORITY GRANTED TO  
ALTERNATIVE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES, INC. FOR FAILURE  
TO PROVIDE SURETY BOND OR IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT**

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This matter came before Chairman Pat Miller, Director Deborah Taylor Tate and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on February 28, 2005 to consider whether to revoke the authority of Alternative Telecommunication Services, Inc. (the "Company") to conduct business in the State of Tennessee as a public utility for failure to comply with Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-125(j) (2004).<sup>1</sup>

The Company originally filed its Application for a certificate to provide operator services and/or resell telecommunications services within the State of Tennessee on June 1, 2000. During

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<sup>1</sup> Tenn Code Ann § 65-4-125(j) (2004) provides

By September 1, 2000, all telecommunications service providers subject to the control and jurisdiction of the authority, except those owners or operators of public telephone service who pay annual inspection and supervision fees pursuant to § 65-4-301(b), or any telecommunications service provider that owns and operates equipment facilities in Tennessee with a value of more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000), shall file with the authority a corporate surety bond or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to secure the payment of any monetary sanction imposed in any enforcement proceeding, brought under this title or the Consumer Telemarketing Protection Act of 1990, compiled in title 47, chapter 18, part 15, by or on behalf of the authority

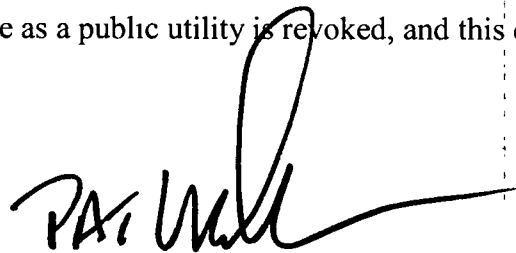
a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on July 11, 2000, the Directors found that the Company had met all the requirements for certification and the requirements of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-4-2-.57, which was promulgated pursuant to, *inter alia*, Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-2-102 (2004) and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201 (2004), and voted unanimously to approve the Application as filed.

A notice advising the Company of its failure to comply with the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-125(j) (2004) was mailed on October 15, 2004. A second notice was sent via certified mail on October 28, 2004.

As of the February 28, 2005 Authority Conference, the Company had failed to file with the Authority a \$20,000 corporate surety bond or an irrevocable letter of credit to secure the payment of any monetary sanction imposed in any enforcement proceeding. Accordingly, the panel voted unanimously to revoke the authority of the Company to conduct business in the State of Tennessee.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The authority of Alternative Telecommunication Services, Inc. granted in Docket No. 00-00473 to conduct business in the State of Tennessee as a public utility is revoked, and this docket is closed.



Pat Miller, Chairman



Deborah Taylor Tate, Director



Ron Jones, Director